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APPLICATION

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 6 - 9 with the following replacement paragraph:

Replacement paragraph (page 5, lines 6 - 9, clean version)

The non-bearing surface 30 of the trunion 20 comprises a cylinder. The engagement of this cylindrical trunion with the inner surface 44 of the bearing 40 prevents angular displacement therebetween.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~1~~, ~~2~~, ~~4~~, ~~5~~ and ~~10~~ - ~~12~~ and add new claim 13 as follows:  
follows:

Claim 13 (new)

Sub 01 > A tripod bearing assembly comprising:

a spider assembly having a trunion with a non-machined non-bearing cylindrical outer surface which radially projects therefrom,

a pre-assembled bearing assembly which is capable of being press fit onto said trunion